



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shigeru YAGI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2878

Application No.: 10/816,853

Examiner: D. MONBLEAU

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Docket No.: 119349

For: LIGHT DETECTION DEVICE AND MOUNTING METHOD THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the April 3, 2006 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, and in consideration of the July 11, 2006 personal interview with the Examiner and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Monbleau in the July 11 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Double Patenting Rejection

The Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1-5, 7-14 and 22 asserting a non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection over co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/817,939 ('939) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,340,606 to Hashimoto, and provisionally rejects claims 15-21 and 23 asserting a non-statutory obviousness-type double